

Presumptive Eligibility for Children

Presumptive Disability Determinations

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What is Presumptive Eligibility for Children?

- Presumptive Eligibility for Children is a new process for the HealthWave 19 (Medicaid) and HealthWave 21 (SCHIP) poverty level medical programs covering children.
- Presumptive Eligibility for Children allows children (under the age of 19) to quickly access coverage through HealthWave while their formal application is processed.
- Presumptive Eligibility for Children is one of the Governor's Healthy Kansas initiatives. This initiative is a targeted outreach effort to enroll children into the healthcare programs for which they are already eligible.
- Starting July 1, 2006, Presumptive Eligibility for Children will begin as a pilot project.

How is the Presumptive Determination Made?

- A Qualified Entity is an agency responsible for completing the determination of whether a child may be presumptively eligible for coverage through either HealthWave 19 (Medicaid) or HealthWave 21.
- The Kansas Health Policy Authority will recruit, select, and train each agency to determine presumptive eligibility.
- In Kansas, certain Medicaid enrolled hospitals and Safety Net Clinics are being selected as Qualified Entities for the Presumptive Eligibility.
- An electronic and a paper tool is available to use for the presumptive determination. The entity may decide which version of the tool best suits their needs.
- Each version of the tool captures all of the basic household information necessary for a presumptive determination.
- The tool not only shows if a child is eligible, but also reflects whether a child is eligible under Title 19 or eligible under Title 21.

How Long can a Presumptive Child be Covered?

- The child's presumptive coverage begins on the day the Qualified Entity completes the electronic or paper presumptive determination tool and finds the child eligible.
- Coverage continues until the formal HealthWave application is processed (usually within 45 days).
- Coverage must end the month following the month of the presumptive determination, if the HealthWave application form is not submitted to the Clearinghouse.

Measures of Success

- Number of new beneficiaries identified through presumptive eligibility.
- Number of cases closed due to failure to complete the application.
- Satisfaction of the qualified entities.
- Provider satisfaction – timeliness of payment, reduction of uncompensated care.

What is Presumptive Disability Determination?

- States can make their own disability decisions for Medicaid eligibility
- The same disability criteria are used for determination of Medicaid and Social Security Administration (SSA) disability
- The state must provide a financial determination which mirrors that of SSA
- Applicants must simultaneously apply for SSA benefits
- Medicaid coverage terminates when the SSA appeal process is terminated or if a decision has been made in the last 12 months

Who can benefit from Presumptive Disability Determination?

- Everyone applying under disability- related Medicaid eligibility categories
SSI, Medically Needy/ Spenddown, Working Healthy, HCBS and nursing facility related assistance).
- Most people who apply for medical assistance because of inability to work
- MediKan beneficiaries: State funded medical assistance program with limited benefits.

Why Presumptive Disability Determination?

- MediKan provides payment to providers for health care services provided to people in the process of disability determination.
- The MediKan benefit package is not as comprehensive as Medicaid and does not promote a medical home.
- MediKan is paid with 100% state funds. With a presumptive disability determination, Medicaid match can be drawn earlier.

Current Status

- Legislature authorized 2 positions to create a Presumptive Medicaid Disability Team (PMDT) to do reviews.
- Presumptive disability reviews for new applications will start September 1, 2006.
- PMDT will screen applicants for presumptive disability or for continued MediKan eligibility.
- Legislature directed continuation of MediKan until March 1, 2007.
- Contract with Kansas Legal Services for case management and legal representation for people in the presumptive disability review process.